

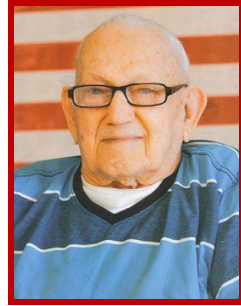
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Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner Bruce Lemmon, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Commissioner Don Snemis, BMV Deputy Commissioners Kevin Garvey and Carol Branstetter, Governor's Policy Director Dan Schmidt and PEN Products Director Michael Herron and Sales and Marketing Manager John Rardin came to the Indiana State Prison to tour the Digital License Plate (DLP) Building. Everyone was impressed with the operations of the DLP, which produces an average of 2.5 million registered vehicle license plates per year.

Students from the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) Unit conducted a birthday card drive for Cecil

Rankin (photo right) of Brookston, IN. Cecil is a resident of the Indiana Veterans Home, located in West Lafayette, IN, and is a World War II veteran. On July 6, he will turn 102 years old. The students learned about Mr. Rankin's past, World War II and the sacrifices that soldiers, like Rankin, made to protect the freedoms that are enjoyed in our county today. All the students made birthday cards for Mr. Rankin, wishing him a Happy 102nd birthday and thanking him for his service to our country.



The Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) PLUS Program and American Legion Post 608 presented a check in the amount of \$2000 to Bill Farrar, Founder and Director of Fountains of Hope International. The number one cause of death in developing countries is contributed to contaminated water. Fountains of Hope provides education on water solutions, installs safe water systems, and deploys short term disaster relief teams in these countries when catastrophes occur.



Celebrate education 2014 was a big success at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility! The caps and gowns event made the grade for 188 high school equivalency, vocational and U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship graduates. Family members were also on hand for their loved ones reentry milestone. Oakland City University President, Dr. Ray Barber, told the graduates they had good reason to celebrate. He said it is the beginning of a new journey in their lives, a new path, with new choices. Dr. Barber urged the Class of 2014 to continue making good choices in their lives and continue using their minds. (photo left)

Branchville Correctional Facility hosted its most recent PLUS graduation ceremony. Volunteers of the PLUS program, Branchville staff, and family and friends came to the facility to show support and encouragement for the 140 offenders who received their certificates for completing the program.

Madison Correctional Facility hosted its semi-annual graduation ceremony. More than 150 offenders graduated from various programs including Therapeutic Community, RRRP, IN2WORK, U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeships and Business Technology. Nine offenders also passed the newly implemented Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) test. Commissioner Lemmon, Assistant to the Commissioner Gil Peters, Program Director Jerry Vance, Jackie Burroughs and Jeff Cardwell from the Governor's Office, and Mayor Damon Welch attended.

The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility hosted a talent show in which participants displayed a number of gifts and talents ranging from rapping, singing, spoken word, dancing, and performing. Featured acts expressed the show's theme of making positive choices, personal awakening, and turning from antisocial behaviors. (photo right)



The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) Volunteer Coordinator Tammy Atwood and community outreach workers show off the handmade quilt donated to Gospel Echoes in appreciation for their years of service. (photo left)

Neither wind, nor rain, nor thunder could deter Westville Correctional Facility from enjoying its annual Family Day activities. The field was alive with hundreds of staff, parents, children, grandchildren and retirees. Special thanks go to the staff cooks, recreation staff, E-squad and K9 units who persevered through the weather.

The Indiana State Prison (ISP) held their annual Family Day, serving about 600 people meals and elephant ears. Tours of the facility were provided so that family members could enjoy the history of the oldest prison in Indiana and see where their loved ones work. The facility gave away five bikes to staff's children, and extra funds were raised by having administrators take a turn in the dunk tank (photo right). There were demonstrations by emergency teams. This was a great day and displayed the team work of ISP staff.

Superintendent Zatecky is pleased to announce the promotion of David Mason to Correctional Captain at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF). David began his career in March 1988 and has served in the capacity of Correctional Officer, Correctional Sergeant and Correctional Lieutenant. David currently serves on two statewide focus groups and is involved with the facility's Employee Appreciation Committee. Congratulations David!

